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LAND REFORM IN

President Will Recognize No Government Until Pledge Is Given.

TO END FEUDAL SYSTEM

Peace Cannot Come Until People Get Rights, It Is Declared.

RECOGNITION HELD AS CLUB

First Attempt of United States to Take Hand in Internal Affairs of Neighbor.

The program which United States officials have in mind for the permanent settlement of the Mexican situation, goes far beyond the mere elimination of Huertz from the provisional presidency. It contemplates a radical reorganization of the present system of land holding is

Surprising as this statement is, it was learned yesterday on the best of author-ity, that the Washington government is prepared to insist upon this reform in my settlement of the Mexican situation. The President and his advisers are convinced that the elimination of the present semi-feudal land holding system in Mexico and the opening up of these vast properties to ownership by the peons. are fundamental to a complete and pe manent restoration of peace in Mexico.

Will Demand Pledge. The administration will insist upon assurances of this reform, even if Carranza and Villa are in control of Mexico City. There is good reason in fact, to believe that President Wilse, in the event of a constitutionalist victory, will withhold recognition from the Carransa government until absolute pledges of this

character have been given.
As viewed by Administration leaders any settlement of the Mexican situation which does not provide for the doing away of the present system of land ownership by a small group of favored individuals is certain to fall. There will follow a repetition of the scenes of the last two years under new leaders and with possibly new troops, but the spirit of dis-content and revolution, it is contended, will be just as strong as it is today. ern Republic, merely typifies a system of government in Mexico which must be destroyed before the United States can hope for permanent peace and order on

At present the Administration believes that Carranza and Villa, when they fin-children under the Lord's administration. ally have triumphed, will give the legislative relief that is necessary. But the are those who will differ with me. I am constitutionalist leaders will find that a kind of socialist and stand ready to dewhat will happen on this score.

Recognition as a Club.

In other words, the Washington government even now is figuring on holding the power of recognition over the government which is to succeed Huerta as a club for forcing action on what the President and his advisers regard as the basis of all the Mexican difficulties.

Such a course, it will be contended, constitutes a meddling with Mexico's internal affairs which up to this time has never been suggested in the President's negotiations with the Huerta government. The answer will be that this reform is necessary if the United States

In other words, the Wilson administration believes that the revolutionary conditions in Mexico are based almost entirely upon the discontent growing out of the present conditions of serfdom, and that this movement will continue to grow. no matter what faction is in power o how strong it is until fundamental relief is afforded

Advisers of the Wilson administration recall the fate of Madero, who rode into power partly as the champion of the downtrodden in Mexico, but who, when he once obtained the reins of government, was swayed by the desires and

Prepare for Conference. How far this fundamental question tion of any government at Mexico City Two stores, many dwellings and the

here yesterday that at least .two of there are under two feet of water. Huerta's delegates at Niagara Falls were in Mexico. This, it was asserted, was than a foot an hour and the inhabithe plain meaning of the statements that tants are fleeing to the foothills. have been made repeatedly that Iwo of the delegates were not Huerts men at

TRIAL PROMISES SEMBATIONS.

Arthur Graves Lund, of the Back and Washington. The trial of the begins tomorrow morning in the Tolk Superior Court. Mrs. Bartlett the former wife of C. T. Bartlett, a H. B. F. Macfarland, at Me-Western oil magnate. Mr. Lund to sergeant in the Ancient and Honorab Artillery. In May, 1912, he married Louis Bankhead Perry, widow of Representative William Hayne Perry, of North Carolin The wedding was celebrated in the Ari-ington Hotel, in Washington. Mrs. Bartlett alleges that she met Mr. Lund abou hirteen years ago, and that he becam engaged to her and gave her a diamone and platinum engagement ring and nu-merous other gifts. Lund, through counsel, demanded in a

of 158 interrogatories, that she specify the gifts, and Mrs. Bartlett filed a list of presents which included flowers, candy, books, a cheval mirror, laces clock, vanity case, china finger bowls money at delft times, a history of France and a Holland cheese.

Desert Democracy for the Right Kind of Party.

Opposed to Socialist Teaching that Favors Anarchy and Denies Existence of God.

Vice President Marshall would deser

The Vice

in this country; that too much power God Almighty" in the educational sys tem of this country. This lead up to

"I am a Presbyterian," said he, "and believe the best way is to teach our own In this most intellectual church there cognition by this Government will be sert any old party the moment a socialthe Presbyterian or other church, but not a party that denies God and would archy.

> "We are too cowardly to follow out the line of reasoning that conscience suggests. So things go wrong throughout and a red flag there, a bread line here and a bread line there. We hear people denying the efficacy of the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth and proposing that the government rest upon the uncertain judg-

"No man helps much who helps in wn name. No man goes far who goes his own way alone. There is not a single state paper in the first 100 years of this republic that does not breathe the true faith in God Almighty. The republic must endure, if at all, upon the belief that it was founded under God. The mo-

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ALASKAN CITIES SWEPT BY FLOOD

Heavy Damage Reported in Cable Dispatch from Fairbanks-Worst Rise in History of North.

a change in Mexico's austern of land history of the North. Only meager de national purposes and which then may by the American representatives at but it is known that Circle City was Rico to the Philippines." Niagara Falls is uncertain. The likell: submerged Thursday night and it is hood is that no effort will be made to believed great damage has been discuss the subject there, for it would wrought at Eagle City and in scores be futile. The more likely course will of mining and woodchoppers' camps. be for the United States to exercise the Many native villages also have suf-

government wireless station were G. W. Sollers, of the police departs In this connection, it was pointed out wrecked at Circle City. The streets

At Dawson the wharves and several in fact representatives not of the Mexi- steamers have been damaged. The water is rising at the rate of more

morial, Also Makes Plea for Additional Police.

"CAPITAL IS MENACED"

Proves Half-and-Half Plan Is Essential to Safeguarding Life Here.

SUGGESTION TO CONGRESS

"Soldiers of Peace" Should Be Allowed More Time at Home for Humanity's Sake.

Speaking at the memorial service las night at the Y. M. C. A for the deceased embers of the two departments. Henry Vice President Says He Will B. F. Macfarland declared all the reason for the "half and half" appropriation for the District are suggested by the branches of the local government.

"Because this is the National Capital." said Mr. Macfarland, "the police and fire departments, besides protecting private life and property, must protect the liver and property of the national government and those of the embassies of foreign governments. Moreover, because George Washington planned this Capital on a usual territory, much of it hilly.

Recalls Big Fire. "The police must patrol the greatest roportionate street area in the world. mbering the big Patent Office fire of a quarter century ago, I vividly know lives. One has only to think of the President, the Vice President, the Con-gress, the Supreme Court, the Cabinet, the

oulidings in place of antiquated still for efficiency quite as much as i justice to the men, we need regular an nual appropriations on the half-and half plan for pensions for veteran policeorphans of those who die

Need More Time at Home. "Moreover, we ought to have more policemen and firemen so they can families for the community's sake as well as their own. These soldiers of peace, who fight fire and crime and constantly take their lives in their hands, even when they answer a false diers of war.

"Congress, between 1900 and 1910, granted the greater part of the Commissioners' estimates and approved heir bills for the reorganization of these departments greatly increasing their facilities and efficiency and improving the conditions of their service. been since maintained.

rangement, the National Capital should town, he having guaranteed the safety massed until every seat was taken. have all the necessary appropriations of non-combatants. for the adequate improvement of the The government troops are entren general development of the Capital, Dominican gunboat Jacagua salled eastwhich is the pride of the whole coun-

"The high-pressure fire service re-Tacoma, Wash., May 17.- cable quiring only \$750,000 for special mains sunboat Wheeling, now at Santo Domingo from Fairbanks, Alasks, received here and adding vastly to the protection of city, reported today that 50,000 rounds of tonight says that the district along the Capital would profitably employ a ammunition and a consignment of rifles the Yukon River north of Fort Yukon part of the local tax money which sechas suffered the worst flood in the tion eight proposes to take for purely the protest and opposition of the customtails have been received at Fairbanks be expended anywhere from Porto Dorcilien, commanding the border revo-

> Commissioner Siddons Spenks. Others who spoke last night were Comute to the loyal services rendered by the called the roll for their respective depart Miss Ada Filer and Wilson Oliver. Bev. partment of the Y. M.-C. A.

TO PROTEST TO PRESIDENT.

dge Lindsey and Pive Wom Denver, May 17.-Judge Ben B. Lind his wife and five other women,

and after a telegram had been sent to mons' telegram yesterday in answer to the President's rebuke is false, in that t states that a plan for mediation was

dopted by the legislature.

Meetings were held throughout Colorado oday by citizena, strike leaders, and others. The announcement by Gov. Ammons that he would begin at once steps to send the State militia back into the strike sone was the principal topic discussed. Strike leaders announced tonight that 1,000 women had declared they would take up arms personally if Gen. Chase is sent back with State troops.

WITH BROKEN NECK VISITS.

Cincinnati, May 17.-Rigged in a har ness of straps covering his head and neck Teddy W. Peters, the only man in the world who claims to have a broken seck and still lives, visited this city. sec, Canada. He has two gold plates in his skull. He is a member of the who gathered yesterday morning on the tructural Iron Workers' Union, Despite his handleap he handles himself well and nual tribute to the national heroes who able to walk about the city.

President Wilson Compared to Lincoln for Efforts in Preserving Peace.

CROWDS VOICE ASSENT

Rev. Meagher Says Chief Executive Has Dared Withstand Cry of Foolhardy.

SERVICES ON MONUMENT LOT

Officials Join in Impressive Program as Military and Clergy Pay Tribute to Patiotic Dead.

this country into a real war with Mexico

livering stirring sermon before vast crowd.



SCENE AT MILITARY FIELD MASS ON MONUMENT LOT yesterday and Rev. Father J. R. Meagher de-

-Photos by National Photo Co.

Dr. Hurtado Wounded During Skirmish and President Bondas Is Warned by U. S. Officer.

LAWLESSNESS IS RAMPANT

But the same rate of progress has not of Dr. Hurtado, a naturalized American, the God of our fathers who offered up "Instead of section eight of the at the Navy Department yesterday. Capt. pending District appropriation bill, Eberie, of the U. S. S. Washington, now which proposes to transfer to the Na- at Puerto Plata, San Domingo, cabled tional Treasury for national uses all the Navy Department that astray shot local revenues raised for local purposes struck the American. Gen. Bordas, presifor the next year which can be delib- dent of San Domingo, and leader of the at which mass was celebrated for the erately kept from appropriation, thus government troops was immediately breaking up the 'half-and-half' ar- cautioned about reckless firing into the

police and fire departments and all ing outside of Puerto Plata under cover reverent silence and attention to the other municipal services as well as the of rifle fire, Capt. Eberle reported.. The

Commander Bierer, commanding the was forced across the border in spite of lutionists at Guanaminthe, has threat ened the custom-house at Dejabon with a force of 400 men. Telegraphic commun cation with Dejabon is interrupted, and

of revolutionists fired across the river near Old Bridge into San Domingo city Thursday night and then retreated

but when Rev. J. R. Meagher eulogiede soldiers, sailors, and marines who gave MEXICAN POLICY up their lives, "that's right," and other tokens of approval were heard from every part of the big crowd.

After eulogizing the heroes of battle, Rev. Meagher said: "And in a similar spirit, and with a patriotism just as Former President at Peace Meeting Charles B. Plitt, Jr., Will Testify at lofty as that of Lincoln and of McKinley, our President today has dared to withstand the outcry of the rash and the impulsive pleadings of the foolbardy and has stopped on the very verge of preserve peace. And we should pray their lives that success may attend his

flag-bedecked pavilion sheltered an improvised altar at the monument. repose of the souls of all the heroic departed. In this pavilion the crowd ed the pavilion and all listened with service.

The District of Columbia Spanish War Veterans were in charge, as usual. and they shared reserved scats with many other civilians. Rev. Eugene de L McDonnell, S. J., paster of St. Aloysius' Church, was celebrant of the mass; Rev. George Sauvage, of Holy Cross College, Brookland, deacon, and

Rev. John & Delehaunty, subdeacon, Others in the reserved seats were Senator Ransdell, of Louisiana; Senator Ashurst, of Arizona; Representatives Sinnott, of Oregon; Kennedy, Donovan and Reilly, of Connecticut; Mitchell and Murray, of Massachusetts; Maguire, of Nebraska; Hamill, of New Jer-sey; Nelson O'Shaughnessy, lately charge d'affaires at Mexico City, and Minister from Costs Rica.

Refers to Latest Heroes. Referring to the Mexican situation Rev Meagher said: "Men who laid down their lives on the altars of their country's because of international difficulties that now face us, because of the almost war-like aspect of our relations with one

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Sharply Criticises Wilson Administration for Supporting Carranza.

WAR IN "SERVICE OF MANKIND" MAY BARE MURDER PLOT STORY

in Carnegie Hall today.

significant utterances of the former President were: "I yield to no man in my earnest desire for peace and in my a position to swear that Becker me detestation of war, but an advocacy of Rose, Vallon, and Webber on June 27 a no note of what is practical is futile and "If we are to be involved in war be

cause of Mexican anarchy let us have it of a mere punctilio in navai ceremoniai.

"Let us hope that if Carranza, if succeeding to control in Mexico with our aid and influence will bring about a condition of affairs, responsibility for which will not entail upon us burdensome

consequences."
Mr. Taft referred to the fact that our warships are assembled in Mexican waters near Vera Cruz and that 5,000 men of the regular army are in possession of a Mexican city. He said: "This is not a time for wishing that the past had been otherwise, but it is a time for candor and a clear understanding of the situation. Our arguments and

MILITANTS BURN GRANDSTAND.

FORMER FRIEND TO TAKE TARGET FOR TAFT STAND AGAINST BECKER

Former Policeman's Trial

New York, May 17.-Sharp criticism of New York, May 17.-Charles B. Plitt. the administration's Mexican policy was once the friend and publicity agent Complication of Diseases Expected to the most striking feature of the address of former Police Lieut. Charles Becker delivered by former President Taft at and now his avowed enemy, will testify the peace meeting of the Free Synagogue today at the trial of Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

"With deference to the views of His story, if the district attorney others," said Mr. Taft, "it is my judg- permitted to carry out his plans, will terms and Secretary of the United States ment thattif, in our course toward Mexi- rival that of Jack Rose in interest and Senate, is ill at his home, 18 Palmetto co during the last year, we had not ex- importance. For the first time since the street, Brooklyn. Mr. Bennett has a erted such direct influence as we have gambler was shot down in front of the complication of diseases and special to aid one of the contending parties, we Metropole Hotel, Plitt will reveal, to as in attendance entertain small hopes for would not now be so near general inter- wide an extent as the court will permit, his recovery. He has been ill since last vention and war. Nor would we have the engrossing story of Becker's opera- Monday. been so responsible for law and order tions as head of the "strong-arm squad" in Mexico to the world as we now are in the tenderioin, of his acquaintance likely to be if a new government comes and dealings with Rose, Vallon, Webber into power through our influence. So and Schepps and of the incidents that much I think I should say in order that led up to the consummation of the mur-

Although he was not at the "Harlem conference," Plitt is understood to be in peace that ignores conditions and takes Seventh avenue and 124th street. He will tell also of admissions Becker made to him and of conversations he overheard between Becker and the four con

JOHN L. GRIFFITHS **HEART DISEASE VICTIM**

United States Consul General at London Dies Suddenly-Had Been in Poor Health.

United States consul general in London for the last five years, died suddenly tonight at his residence, in Lownes street. Mr. Griffiths' death is attributed to heart disease. He has been alling for some time, but had been feelifig better the last few days. He was out driving Birmingham, England, May 17.—The Sunday afternoon, but after retiring for grandstand and other buildings on the the night Mrs. Griffiths noticed danger-nace course here were destroyed this morning by fire, started by suffragetter.

The incendiaries left behind a message clan, but before he arrived Mr. Griffiths Sunday afternoon, but after retiring for

Members of Wrecked Liner Picked Up by Revenue Cutter.

HELPLESS WHEN RESCUED

Unable to Move Hand or Foot, Men Lay Awaiting Death.

Rescue Ship Steaming to Halifax with Half-dead Survivors-Half Crazed with Thirst.

STARVATION CLAIMED OTHERS

Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 17 .- A wire ess message received here this afternoon old of the discovery by the United States revenue cutter Seneca of the missing third lifeboat of the Leyland Line steamship columbian, which was destroyed by fire in nid-Atlantic just two weeks ago ton Of the sixteen men who scrambled over the side of the ill-fated liner into the third boat, only five were alive when ound by the Seneca. All the others had ecumbed to the terrible privations to hich they had been exposed during the wo weeks when the steamship lanes of he North Atlantic were being scoured for some trace of the missing boat.

The Seneca is now heading for Hallfax with the survivors. Those rescued were the chief officer, three seamen, and fireman. These men were in a terrible state of exhaustion when picked up. Halfcrazed from thirst, hunger, and exposure they presented an awful sight, when the stalwart bluejackets from the Seneca eached the side of the little craft.

Survivors Are Helpless.

The men were helpless, being scarcely able to move hand or foot, and their voices had failed almost to a whisper. They were in despair, having given up all hopes of rescue, when the boat from the Seneca came to succor them. Tenderly the limp forms were lifted into the seca's boat, and all haste made for the survivors, worn and haggard, overed with long hair, and their eyes

had sunk clear into their heads. No attempt was made to get any detailed story from them. They required the utmost care and attention to bring them around again. And this was given them by the physician, Capt. Johnson, the officers, and all on board

of the Seneca.

Miracle They Live That these five of the Columbian's nen are living is almost a miracle. They had long been mourned as dead, and when they are able to talk freely of their experiences they will have a world. Short of provisions from the outset they had practically nothing to subsist on, and one by one they were

smote by the hand of death. Gradually the human burden of the boat became lessened, eleven of the men having died, and their bodies con-CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO.

EX-REPRESENTATIVE C. G. BENNETT DYING

Prove Fatal to Former Sec-

retary of Senate. New York, May 17.-Charles G. Bennett, formerly Representative for two

Mr. Bennett is a son of George C. Bennett, who was the original proprietor of the Brooklyn Daily Times. He is fiftyone years old and was married three months ago to his second wife, who, beause of her husband's serious condis suffering from a nervous collapse.

Catches the Judge's Eye The Sunday Herald

No longer in the "also ran" lass, but under the New Management is made the favorite by the People of Washington, and richly rewards its readers.

An Example

James Morgan, in his "In the Path of Napoleon," tells the story of Betsy Paterson's courting days London, May 17 .- John L. Griffiths, in Washington with Jerome Bonaparte; how the Baltimore belle was married to the Little Corporal's brother, divorced by orders of Napoleon, who then was wedded to Princess Catherine of Wurtemberg, History written in an intensely interesting manner in

Sunday's Herald